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Madrid, May 14.

THere Mustred on the 4th Instant of the old Guards of *Castille* but 160 Horse; They are to Muster again the 17th in the Kings presence; and those that shall be then absent must pay 200 Ducats a man. We have advice from *Catalonia* that the French Army was advanced to *Bazas*, 7 Leagues from *Gironne*; and that the Duke *de Bournonville* was posted on the other side of it about 5 Leagues from that place, his chief strength consisting in 3000 Horse. They write from *Barcelona*, that, according to the advice they have by some Vessels arrived from *Naples*, the whole Fleet of Galleys of this Crown (being about 32 in Number) may be expected there with 2000 Neapolitan Foot by the end of this Month: And we are told that Orders have been sent to *Cadiz* and other Ports of this Kingdom for the fitting out 12 men of War, to joyn the said Gallies. We have an account from *Cadiz* and *Seville*, that the Moores about *Ceuta* have taken up 30 of the Brass Guns of the *Capitana Real* that was lately cast away upon that Coast; and that its believed they will get up all the rest.

Genoua, May 16. This Morning the French Fleet consisting in 15 Men of War, 20 Galleys, 30 Barks, &c. appeared in sight of this place, and afterwards put into *Vado* a place about 30 Miles to the Westward of this City; and a little before Noon arrived here a Felucca with an order from Monsieur *du Quesne* to the French Resident to repair on board of him. We are putting our selves into a posture of defence, and the Great Council have impowered the Doge, four Senators, and four Noblemen more to do whatever they shall think for the publick safety.

Marseilles, May 26. The French Fleet is before *Genoua*, and have battered the Town with their Bombes. This Morning parted from hence ten Galleys more to joyn the Fleet; and eight Men of War are fitting out at *Thoulon* with all diligence.

Linitz, May 23. The Rendezvous of the Imperial Army in *Hungary* will be held the 27th of this Month between the River *Waag* and *Gran*. The Duke of *Lorraine* parted from hence the last Week; and Prince *Charles* of *Neuburg* and several other persons of the first Quality, who will pass this Campagne in *Hungary*, are preparing to follow. They write from *Hungary* that Count *Teckelays* Troops do dayly desert him, and that he is reduced to a very desperate condition. The Letters from *Poland* say, That that King will not undertake the Seige of *Caminiec* in the beginning of the Campagne, but leaving that place blocked up, will March towards *Transilvania*, *Moldavia*, and *Valachia*, and endeavor to unite those Countries to the Crown of *Poland*. The Count *de Colonitz* Bishop of *Newstadt* hath to satisfie the *Hungarians*, quitted the place of President of the Revenues of *Hungary*, and the Count *Erdeudi* is to succeed him.

Brussels, June 3. The Baron *del Val* returned yesterday from *Germany*, and has its said given his Excellency an account, that 8000 Imperial Foot and 3000 Horse have Orders to joyn with the *Bavarian* Troops and those of the Circles and the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel*; which its said are Marching, and may be on the *Rhin* about the middle of this Month; and we seem here perswaded they will come time enough to relieve *Luxemburg*. The Relations we have of the Seige are very uncertain; We are told that the Besieged make a very brave Defence; and that on the 24th past the French attacked a horne Work, and that they lost a great many men. The French Court continues at *Valenciennes*; and the Army, Commanded by the Mareschal *de Schomberg*, in the Neighbourhood of *Mons*, though we hear there is a new Camp marked out for them between St. *Amand* and *Tournay*. We have advice that the Governor of *Milan* hath sent a Spanish and an Italian Regiment to the assistance of *Genoua*, upon the French Fleets coming before that place.

Hague, June 2. The States of *Holland* re-assembled yesterday. The Heer *Van Dieft* Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, presses the State in the name of His Electoral Highness, to do what lyes in them for the putting a speedy end to the War between the two Crowns by a Peace or a Truce.

From the French Camp before Gironne, *May* 22.

The Mareschal *de Belfonds* having reposed his Troops for several days after the Fight at *Pont Major*, resolved to besiege *Gironne*, and accordingly set down before the place; And last night we opened the Trenches, and began a very great work which was finished this night. The Duke of *Bournonville* Vicetoy of *Catalonia*, is retired to *Barcelona*; having left 1000 Horse at *Ostabat*.

From the Camp before Luxemburg, *May* 29. 1684.

The 20th Instant we sprang a Mine that had been prepared at the attack of the Lower Town, which made a breach that six men might pass in front, and the Grenadiers of Burgundy and Languedoc having driven from thence fifty Soldiers that were posted there, they made a Lodgment of 80 yards in length; The two Captains of the Grenadiers were wounded, and some Soldiers killed and wounded: In the Evening the Sieur de Joyeuse and the Marquis de Nelle mounted the Trenches on the right with two Batallions of Champagne, and the Marquis de Ranti on the left with two other Batallions; We enlarged the Place of Arms that was made the night before, and put it into a condition to contain 2000 men; We began a Cavalier to look into the covered way of the Town; and continued towards the left the Lodgment along the Traverse, as far as the middle of the Face of the Counterscarp; The Count de Tonnerre Colonel of the Regiment of Orleans, was wounded, with two or three inferior Officers and some Soldiers. The 21th in the Afternoon the besieged abandoned the Redoubt on the left, in which our Cannon had made very great breaches, and retired into the Caponiers of the Ditch of the Redoubt, and we placed two pieces of Cannon to drive them from thence: In the Evening the Count de Saint Geran, and the Sieur de Jolleaux mounted the Trenches on the right with two Batallions, and the Marquis d'Uxelles on the left with two others; between seven and ten a Clock the Enemy sprang two Mines, but without any great effect, we having only three men killed and six wounded; This night we finished the Cavalier and the place of Arms. The 22th our Miners found a Gallery in the Wall of the Contregarde, which they made themselves Masters of, and discovered another that went cross it: In the Evening the Marquis de Lambert and the Sieur de Refuge relieved the Trenches on the right with two Batallions, and the Sieur de Langaletie those on the left with two others; We raised on the right a Battery of three Pieces of Cannon against the Pallisadoes of the Counterscarp to batter the face of the Bastion, and a Battery of Mortar pieces behind it to hinder the Enemy from firing upon us from the said Bastion and the half Moon; and a third at the attack of the Vieux Munster; We enlarged our Lodgments, and prepared a great many Mines in the Counterscarp; and in the night the Enemy set fire to the Suburb of Grund; during this Guard the Marquis de Montpezat, an Ingenier, two Captains, three other Officers and ten Soldiers were killed, and fifty wounded. The 23th the Count du Plessis and the Sieur de Morton relieved the Posts on the right with two Batallions, and the Sieur d'Erlac on the left with two others